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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: UPHOLSTERY FABRIC TACK STRIPS AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
11 pages of specification and claims (including 25 numbered claims), and  
3 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 3.  
☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/428,834, filed May 5, 2003, which in turn was a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/180,102, filed June 27, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,647,610 issued November 18, 2003, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☐ The prior application is assigned to  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. **A PTO-1449 is also attached listing the citations. Please initial, date and return a copy of the PTO-1449. Pursuant to Rule 98(d), copies of the listed citations have not been provided.**  
☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☒ "Small entity" statement attached.  
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